

Appln. No.: 10/762,124
Amdt. Dated: February 27, 2006
Reply to Office Action dated: December 1, 2005

Remarks

These remarks in response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2005. This reply is timely filed. At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-10, 12, and 14-17 were pending in the application. Claims 1-10 were allowed. Claims 12 and 15-17 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 14 was rejected under 35 USC §103(a). The rejections are set out in more detail below. Claims 12, 14, and 16 have now been amended. Claim 15 has now been cancelled. Please charge Deposit Acct. No. 08-0870 in the amount of \$200 for one (1) additional independent claim pursuant to Fee Code 1201.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 1-10 were allowed. Claims 12 and 15-17 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, claims 12, 14, and 16 have been amended accordingly. Claim 15 has now been cancelled.

II. Conclusion

Applicants have made every effort to present claims which distinguish over the prior art, and it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance. Nevertheless, Applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if it is believed that a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the application to an allowance. In view of

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the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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